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SEMINOLE COUNTY – FACTS AND FIGURES

THE OTHER SIDE OF ORLANDO

Just a stone's throw away from all the major attractions of Central Florida, and within a 15-minute drive of downtown Orlando, Seminole County offers immediate access to theme parks, exciting entertainment and thrilling nightlife. Between Orlando's theme parks and gorgeous East Coast beaches is an area filled newer, fresher accommodations that cost much less than those in Orlando and Daytona.

Seminole County offers great accommodations, fine dining, upscale shopping, superb golf courses, and state-of-the-art sports facilities and training centers - surrounded by pristine natural landscapes and flanked by charming historical villages.

Orlando Attractions, Seminole County Nature

Getting to Seminole County is a breeze by avoiding Orlando's congestion - yet the excitement is only a short hop away. Seminole County is accessible by air through Orlando Sanford International Airport and visitors will find many of the same flagship hotels and amenities they look for in Orlando, but accommodations in Seminole County available for significantly less.

Close to the Treasure Coast

Visiting Daytona can truly be a day at the beach when staying in Seminole, and visitors are in prime position to take off for Florida's famed Space Coast, too.

The Seminole Scene

Location, Location, Location – Seminole County is located 45 minutes from Disney, 15 minutes from Downtown Orlando, 45 minutes from Daytona Beach and less than one hour from the Kennedy Space Center.

Golf – Seminole County is one of the best golfing destinations in the world with 10 golf courses, including world-renowned championship courses designed by Tom Fazio, Clifton Ezell and Ron Garl.

FAST FACTS

Key Cities:

- Altamonte Springs
- Heathrow
- Sanford
- Longwood
- Oviedo
- Lake Mary
- Casselberry
- Winter Springs

Lodging:

- More than 4,700 rooms
- 4 B&B's
 - 39 hotels

Historic Districts:

- Sanford
- Longwood
- Oviedo

Transportation:

- Orlando/Sanford International Airport
- Amtrak
- Orlando International Airport
- 6 Rental Car Agencies

Eco-Tourism – Seminole County also offers the classic Florida experience of peaceful rivers, fishing, boating, hiking, and many other outdoor activities. A bird watcher's paradise, Seminole is home to bald eagles, osprey, herons and more. It is also the natural habitat for the gray fox, white-tailed deer, river otter, Florida black bear and of course, the American alligator. In winter months, you can see the endangered Florida manatee feeding on aquatic vegetation in the St. Johns River. And for even more exotic animals, visit the 116-acre Central Florida Zoo located in Sanford.

Sports and Recreation – Whether your game is soccer, softball, lacrosse, rugby, swimming, water skiing, tennis or golf, you'll feel right at home in Seminole County – with some of the nation's foremost training facilities.

History, Culture and Heritage – History buffs are invited to visit the historic districts of Sanford, Longwood and Oviedo, as well as three museums dedicated to local history. As you travel through the county, you can see numerous other historical sites: Indian Shell Mounds that mark original Native American settlements, churches built by Swedish homesteaders and "The Senator" – the oldest and largest bald cypress tree in the world standing more than 138 feet high with a diameter of 17 1/2 feet.

Shop 'til You Drop – From antiques shops and specialty boutiques to America's largest flea market and three regional malls, Seminole County has some of the best shopping in Florida.

Where to Stay – Seminole County offers more than 4,700 lodging units ranging from brand-new luxury hotels to historic B&Bs.

Rates are on average one third less than comparable rooms elsewhere in Orlando.

For destination information call 1-800-800-7832 (USA and Canada) or 407-665-2900 (outside the USA) or visit www.VisitSeminole.com.

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MORE FAST FACTS

Museums:

- Sanford Museum
- Museum of Seminole County History
- Student Museum

Natural Adventures:

- Historical sites
- 23 parks
- Trails for jogging, skating and biking
- More than 2,000 lakes and waterways for canoeing, fishing, kayaking, boating and skiing

Climate:

Oct. - May Average Temperatures:

- Day: Low 70s - mid 80s (F)
- Night: Low 50s - mid 60s (F)

June - Sept. Average Temperatures:

- Day: Upper 80s - mid 90s (F)
- Night: Upper 60s - mid 70s (F)

Size:

344 square miles

Time Zone:

Eastern standard time (EST)

Interesting Fact:

Seminole County became known as the "Celery Capital" of the world during the late 1800's early 1900's after a big freeze wiped out the town's citrus industry.